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11. (U) Econ Chief forwarded ref A points on March 3 to Peter Post, Head of the OECD Unit, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Econ Chief also shared the points with Jerome Larosch, OECD Coordinator in the Trade Policy Unit, Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs. Post was not available to meet and discuss the points until March 19.

12. (SBU) Post said the GONL supported the USG position of maintaining the current OECD policy (based on the 1995 SG Paye letter), which allows Taiwan's technical participation in appropriate OECD activities. The GONL valued Chinese Taipei's participation as an economy and not as a sovereign state, he noted, and saw no need for the proposed MOU from China. He confirmed Dutch support for the position presented by France, on behalf of the EU Presidency, at the March 17 OECD External Relations Committee (ERC), reported ref B. Post said the GONL supported the ERC consensus position and recommendations presented to SG Gurria by ERC Chair Joan Boer (Dutch) and China Reflection Group Head Ambassador Cabras. He was doubtful that the issue of Taiwan's status would even be raised by PRC officials during SG Gurria's upcoming visit to Beijing, given a recent focus on developments in Tibet. Gallagher